



National Tenpin Coaches Association

2023-2024 February Coaches Poll

Maryville Tops D-II/III Poll

February 8, 2024---Maryville received 42 first-place votes from NCAA bowling head coaches and heads the NTCA February Division II and III poll that was released today.

The Saints have resided in the top spot all season and turned in solid performances at January’s three all-division tournaments. Maryville was eighth in a field of 19 at the Stormin’ Blue and White Vegas Classic, ninth of 34 at the Northeast Classic and 10th at the Prairie View Invitational.

Wisconsin-Whitewater was second, just 44 points ahead of an improved Newman program. Oklahoma Christian continues to impress in its debut season, coming in fourth while McKendree was fifth.

Central Missouri, Mercyhurst, Lewis, Saint Vincent College and Kutztown claimed the sixth through tenth places. William Smith, Daemen University, Wilmington, Emmanuel and Lincoln Memorial complete the Top 15.

**NCAA Bowling Division II & Division III Programs Only*

<u>Rank</u>	<u>School, Location, Conference Affiliation</u>	<u>1st Place Votes</u>	<u>Point Total</u>	<u>PreSeason Ranking</u>
1	Maryville University, St. Louis, MO (GLVC)	42	902	1
2	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI (INDEPENDENT)		727	4
3	Newman University, Wichita, KS (GLVC)		683	2
4	Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (INDEPENDENT)		588	NR
5	McKendree University, Lebanon, IL (GLVC)		502	3
6	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO (GLVC)		397	6
7	Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA (ECC)		320	5
8	Lewis University, Romeoville, IL (GLVC)		222	8
9	Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA (AMCC)		210	13
10	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA (ECC)		150	15
11	William Smith College, Geneva, NY (AMCC)		147	NR
12	Daemen University, Amherst, NY (ECC)		140	11
13	Wilmington University, New Castle, DE (CACC)		133	9
14	Emmanuel University, Franklin Springs, GA (C-CAROLINAS)		126	14
15	Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN (ECC)		123	7

Also Receiving Votes: Marian University, Felician University, Roberts Wesleyan University, Alvernia University, Molloy University, Belmont Abbey College, Carthage College.

Point system: NTCA submitted ballots rank the top fifteen Division II & III programs in the sport of NCAA bowling. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from twenty-two points for first place and one point for fifteenth place. To be ranked teams need to equal or surpass the minimum vote criteria, which is one vote for every eight ballots submitted. The actual ranking position is determined by using the adjusted point standings, which lists in priority order the total points a school has accumulated after the highest and lowest votes are dropped.

The specific point values follow: 1st place = 22 points, 2nd =19, 3rd =17, 4th =15, 5th =13, 6th =11, 7th =9, 8th =8, 9th =7, 10th =6, 11th =5, 12th =4, 13th =3, 14th =2, 15th =1.